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DATA ON ROSTOCK HARBOR (5 pp, 1 sketch; German,

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Pages 1 through 3 are [redacted] list of vessels which arrived at and departed from the port of Rostock during the month of August 1951. The five columns of the list are headed as follows: date, name of vessel, tonnage, cargo, and ports of origin and of destination. The date column, giving dates of arrival and departure, discloses that out of a total of 47 vessels 4 stayed in port for one day, 33 for two days, 9 for three days, and one for four days. In the case of Russian names of vessels, the source evidently attempted to approximate the Cyrillic letters by using similarly looking Roman letters. Pencilled notes on the photostat give the appropriate corrections. The tonnage of the ships ranged from 500 to 2,500 tons. Incoming cargo consisted mostly of steel plates, armored parts, and cotton from Leningrad, grain from Kaliningrad, fertilizer from Hamburg, and coal from Gdynia and Szczecin. Outgoing cargo consisted mostly of pit props to Gdynia and Szczecin, grain to Hamburg, reparations to Leningrad, cables, machinery, motors, buna, cement, and optical equipment to Leningrad, briquettes to the Netherlands, Sweden, West Germany, and the USSR, and chemicals to Leningrad and Szczecin.

Pages 4 and 5 constitute the [redacted] sketch of the port of Rostock as of October 1951.

Page 6 is a [redacted] report on various activities in the port of Rostock, including dredging work in the navigation channels, construction of new grain silos, despatch of eight freight cars with Soviet artillery ammunition in the direction towards Halle on 14 September and loading of train shipments of buna from Merseburg onto Soviet vessels.

Page 7 is a [redacted] report on a number of ships observed in the port of Rostock between 15 and 25 October. The vessels ranged from 500 to 2,200 tons, stayed in port for two days, imported mostly coal, chemicals, iron and steel, and exported briquettes, cement, buna, and machinery. The morale of the dock workers is very low. At a recent shop union meeting the party functionaries were booed and threats by Soviet MVD officers were necessary to restore order. A leading party functionary was arrested for neglect of his propagandizing duties.

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